

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line 11, to line 21, as follows:

A conventional navigation device will be described with reference to FIG. 9.

Data outputted from a direction sensor ~~901~~ 301 and data outputted from a distance sensor 902 are supplied to a CPU 904 through an input interface 903. The CPU 904 obtains a direction of a vehicle, a traveling path, and so on, based on these data. Further, absolute position information obtained from a GPS receiver 906 and map data stored in a DVD-ROM 907 are supplied to the CPU 904 via a communication interface 905. In accordance with a program stored in a program ROM-~~904a~~ 904b, the CPU 904 suitably uses a RAM 904a ~~904b~~ to calculate the current location of the vehicle based on the above-described various data.

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, line 22, to page 2, line 7, as follows:

Further, in accordance with the program stored in the program ROM-~~904a~~ 904b, the CPU 904 suitably uses the RAM 904a ~~904b~~ to control an image processing processor 908 and a touch panel display 909 such that a map and the location of the vehicle are displayed based on the current location of the vehicle calculated in accordance with the program stored in the program ROM 904a, the map data read out from the DVD-ROM 907, and a user's command inputted from the touch panel display 909 through an operation detection section 910. The operation detection section 910 detects whether a finger is in contact with the touch panel display 909, and also detects coordinates of a contact position.

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, line 16, to line 23, as follows:

The CPU detects a contact time period at step S503. Specifically, a contact time period T(N) is counted. Note that N is the same as the number of contacts N. Further, the CPU determines, based on the signal from the touch panel display 100, whether the finger is detached from the touch panel display 100 at step S504, and proceeds to step S505 if the finger has ~~not~~ been detached, or returns to step S503 if the finger has not been detached. In other words, the contact time period T(N) is caused to be counted continuously until the finger is detached from the touch panel display 100.